(c) The University Grants Commission has allocated a maintenance grant of Rs. 18.64 crores to Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, for the year 1992-93 and the allocation was conveyed to the institute by the Commission on 2nd April, 1992.

(d) to (f) The three instalments of maintenance grant each amounting to Rs. 4.66 crores were sanctioned to the institute in April 1992, July 1992 and September 1992 respectively. The last instalment will be released in January 1993. UGC has been releasing the grants to the Institute regularly.

Guidelines for Central Assistance to Universities

858. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the guidelines of the University Grants Commission for Central assistance to the Universities;

(b) whether Kuvempu University of Karnataka has submitted its proposals for financial assistance; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission has notified Rules for declaring Universities fit to receive Central assistance. Every University has to fulfil certain conditions laid down in these Rules before it can be declared fit by UGC for such assistance. Under the Rules, a University is required to have, inter-alia, adequate assets/facilities in terms of buildings, equipment, library, hostels and staff quarters, minimum teaching staff alongwith the necessary supporting staff for teaching and research.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by UGC, a proposal has been received by the Commission from Kuvempu University for financial assistance. However, the University has not yet been declared fit to receive Central assistance as it does not have the required number of teaching posts and the prescribed minimum number of books in the library. The University has since been advised by the Commission to remove these deficiencies in the first instance.

National Policy on Libraries and Information System

859. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state that what steps Government have taken to implement the National Policy on Libraries and Information Systems and to develop the infrastructure of Libraries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : This Ministry set up a Committee to formulate a national policy on library and information system. The Committee submitted its report which has been examined in detail and lines of action have been drawn up. A small implementation Cell has been created to take action on the various recommendations of the Committee.

'Library' is a State subject and there is no single agency which has control over all the libraries. Each library functions under the control of its parent organisation/Department/Ministry of the Central and State Governments. The development of infrastructure of libraries is the concern of these respective agencies. As regards the libraries under the Central Government, measures are taken from time to time to improve their infrastructure.

Transfer from the Kendriya Vidyalaya of Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab

860. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of outside State students in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the

States of Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of them have asked for transfers from these States; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons and the action taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) The total number of students in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State of Jammu & Kashmir in 1991-92 was 18764 and in the State of Punjab was 31128.

The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan does not maintain data on outside students in Kendriya Vidyalaya. However, a large number of students migrated from Kashmir Valley during 1990-91 were admitted in various Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country.

Financial Powers of A.I.C.T.E.

861. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that though disbursement of funds should be in the hands of the All Indian Council of Technical Education under the Act but the State Governments, the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development and the University Grants Commission have refused to give up their hold over finances;

(b) whether the AICTE's powers to stop funds to errant institutions remain on paper only;

(c) if so, by when Government propose to transfer funds to the Council, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that many State Universities grant affiliation to Engineering Colleges not approved by the All India Council of Technical Education; and

(e) if so, what is the total number of Engineering Colleges in the country which are not recognised by the AICTE ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) Eventhough the AICTE Act empowers the AICTE to allocate and disburse funds to the technical institutions, universities etc. and also to withhold or discontinue the grants, the Council has not yet taken up this task for want of adequate administrative machinery. The question of refusal by the Government or any agency to refuse financial hold has not arisen. The Ministry of Human Resource Development or the University Grants Commission provide funds either as direct assistance or for specific projects only to the approved institutions.

(c) Once the AICTE gears up its administrative machinery and also launches various programmes and schemes, transfer of funds would not pose any problem.

(d) There are a few cases of affiliation for Pharmacy & Management Institutions without the prior approval of the AICTE and also of affiliation of unapproved technical courses.

(e) The number of engineering colleges in the country which are not yet approved by the AICTE is of the order of 150.

Deletion of lessons on National Leaders from School Books in Madhya Pradesh

862. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in the state of Madhya Pradesh lessons from the school books on the national leaders have been deleted and liquor advertisements are being printed on school books;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh